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SUBJECT: GUINEA'S POSITION ON KOREA, PUERTO RICO AND
SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. AMBASSADOR BAH OF GUINEA WAS CONVOKED AUGUST 5 FOR
AF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES' PRESENTATION OF
US POSITION ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO. AF/W COUNTRY
OFFICER (KILLION) ATTENDED.

2. BAH, ACCOMPANIED BY FIRST SECRETARY SANO, LISTENED
CAREFULLY TO AF REVIEW AND AT CONCLUSION SAID HE WISHED
TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO OUTLI4E GUINEA'S POSITION ON THESE
ISSUES PLUS SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION. BAH RECITED, IN
UNCHARACTERISTICALLY EMPHATIC FASHION, GUINEA'S VIEWS
ON KOREA, WHICH COMPLETELY OPPOSE THOSE OF USG. BAH
CONTINUED BY NOTI4G GOG HAD NOT GONE ON PUBLIC RECORD RE
PUERTO RICO, BUT ASSERTED THAT GOG POSITION IS "SAME
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AS THAT ON KOREA," SPECIFICALLY, THAT GUINEA SUPPORTS

WHATEVER THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WISH -- INDEPENDENCE, STATEHOOD, OR COMMONWEALTH STATUS. BAH CONCLUDED WITH STRONG PLEA FOR USG ACTION IN NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE GUINEA FELT USG WAS CAPABLE OF TAKING MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT END OF RACISM AND ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE. ONLY

THIS WOULD AVERT INCREASING VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED.

3. AF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY THANKED AMBASSADOR BAH FOR OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE REVIEWED CURRENT USG STEPS UNDERWAY TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEMS, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION OF AFRICAN NATIONS.

4. FYI: BAH HAD CALLED COUNTRY OFFICER AT LAST MINUTE BEFORE MEETING TO REQUEST PERMISSION FOR FIRST SECRETARY SANO TO ACCOMPANY. BAH'S DEMEANOR IS DIFFERENT WHEN THIS GUINEAN EMBASSY OFFICER IS PRESENT AT OUR MEETINGS. END FYI.

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